

Benjamin Stratemeyer
Petition for Rule Making
Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments
WIBV, Mount Vernon, Illinois

EXHIBIT A



**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM J. GETZ
IN SUPPORT OF A PETITION TO AMEND
THE FM TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS**

I am a Radio Engineer, an employee in the firm of Carl T. Jones Corporation with offices located in Springfield, Virginia. My education and experience are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission.

This office has been authorized to prepare this statement in support of a Petition to Amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules. The petitioner requests that Section 73.202(b) of the FCC Rules be modified in the following manner:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Mount Vernon, IL	231B, 271B1	231B
Okawville, IL	----	271B1
St. Louis, MO	273C *	273C0

* One of seven commercial FM channels allocated to St. Louis, MO.

Radio station WIBV(FM), Mount Vernon, IL, is currently licensed to operate on Channel 271B1 (FCC File No. BLH-20010216AAN). Radio station KEZK-FM, St. Louis, MO, currently operates on Channel 273C with an Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of 100.0 KW at an antenna Height Above Average Terrain (HAAT) of 313 meters pursuant to FCC License No. BLH-19960212KC. This Petition for Rulemaking will allow WIBV(FM) to

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relocate in order to provide a first local service to Okawville, Illinois (2000 population: 1,355 persons). A maximum Class B1 city-grade circle (centered at the proposed Okawville allotment reference coordinates with a radius of 23.2 km) encompasses no portion of any U.S. Census-designated urbanized area. Full service commercial radio stations WMIX(AM) [940 kHz] and WMIX-FM [94.1 MHz] will remain to provide local service to Mount Vernon. Noncommercial educational FM stations WAPO(FM) [90.5 MHz] and WBMV(FM) [89.7 MHz] also remain to provide local service to Mount Vernon.

To accomplish the new first local service at Okawville, radio station KEZK-FM, St. Louis, MO, must be reclassified to a Class C0 facility. In accordance with the requested modifications to the FM Table of Allotments, the Petitioner requests that the licenses of stations WIBV(FM) and KEZK-FM be modified to specify operation on channels 271B1 at Okawville and 273C0 at St. Louis, respectively.

ALLOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

Channel 271B1, Okawville, IL, in lieu of Channel 271B1, Mount Vernon, IL

An engineering study of all pertinent allotments, assignments and applications revealed that WIBV(FM), Mount Vernon, IL, (Channel 271B1) can be reallocated to Okawville, Illinois, as the community's first local service with a site restriction 19 km southeast. The allotment reference coordinates for Channel 271B1 at Okawville are 38° 21' 56" N.L. and 89° 21' 02" W.L. These coordinates describe the location of an existing tower (FCC tower registration number 1009634) The Okawville allotment reference site

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meets allotment standards, the minimum spacing requirements of §73.207 and the city-grade coverage requirements of §73.315 of the FCC rules.

The proposed WIBV relocation and reallocation will cause the displacement of an existing Class B1 service area and will result in no net loss and no net gain in service area. The entire WIBV loss area will continue to receive aural service from a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 aural services. The WIBV gain area will be served by a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 18 aural services. Consequently, no white or gray areas will be created or will be served by the instant proposal.

Class C0 Reclassification of KEZK-FM, St. Louis, Missouri (Channel 273)

As stated above, radio station KEZK-FM is currently licensed to operate as a Class C facility with an ERP of 100.0 KW at an antenna HAAT of 313 meters. Because the current KEZK-FM antenna HAAT is between 300 and 450 meters, KEZK-FM is subject to reclassification to a Class C0 facility pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573, Note 4. A complete commercial channel FM allocation study revealed that no alternate channels are available for the proposed Okawville Class B1 facility.

The proposed Okawville, Channel 271B1, allotment reference site is separated from the licensed KEZK-FM (Channel 273C) transmitter site by 88.11 kilometers. Pursuant to Section 73.207, the minimum distance separation for second-adjacent related Class B1 and Class C stations is 105 kilometers. As a result, the proposed allotment reference site is 16.89 kilometers short of this spacing requirement. However, if KEZK-FM were reclassified

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to a Class C0 facility, the minimum distance separation of Section 73.207 is reduced to 87 kilometers. The proposed Okawville, Class B1 allotment reference site satisfies the spacing requirements of Section 73.207 of the FCC rules with respect to a Class C0 facility at KEZK-FM.

Accordingly, the proponent herein initiates the reclassification procedure with respect to KEZK-FM through this original petition for rulemaking to amend the FM Table of Allotments, as set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 73.3573, Note 4.

This statement was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and is believed to be true and correct.

DATED: June 11, 2002


William J. Getz

Benjamin Stratemeyer
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EXHIBIT B

Welcome...



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Okawville is a rural community located only minutes away from St. Louis. Interstate 64 provides a quick link to the city and its many attractions. Okawville is located only 30 minutes from Belleville, Illinois and 2 hours from the Indiana border. The community's German heritage is reflected in its well-kept homes with their neatly trimmed lawns. Its residents have a strong sense of civic pride. Although the Village was founded in 1838 under the name Bridgeport, it wasn't until the mid 1800s that Germans immigrated to the area and began farming the surrounding countryside and opening shops in the town. It wasn't until the 1870s that the town was actually incorporated and renamed Okawville. It seems there was another town of Bridgeport in Illinois and the postal service was mixing up the mail. The name Okawville is derived from the French word or abbreviation for the word Kaskaskia. In the days long before Illinois was a state, Kaskaskia was the name of a nearby river and the name of an Old French settlement in the area. It seems that the old settlement of Kaskaskia sat along the Vincent Trace, a trail that ran along the river between settlement and the Territorial Legislature at Vincennes in the Indiana Territory. The French settlers often abbreviated Kaskaskia, verbally and in formal documents into Cas (pronounced Kah). As the French travelers passed each other they would often reply that they were enroute to "au Cas" - "au" meaning "to," (pronounced "o") and "Cas" short for Kaskaskia. Eventually the English-speaking travelers picked up on this common reply and eventually developed a new word - "Okaw." That is how the Kaskaskia River has come to be called the Okaw River by people in this area and where the second and final name for this community originated. Historically Okawville has long enjoyed a reputation as a kind of health resort because of its famed mineral waters. Okawville's only remaining mineral spa, The Original Springs Hotel, still attracts people because of the healing waters and relaxing atmosphere.

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2000 Illinois municipal populations (N-R)

The populations of Illinois' cities, towns and villages in 2000 and 1990, the change and percentage change, according to data released Wednesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. Blank spots for 1990 data indicates the municipality did not exist or was not counted in the 1990 Census.

Municipality	2000	1990	Change	Percent
Naperville	128,358	85,351	43,007	50.4%
Naplate	523	609	-86	-14.1%
Naples	134	130	4	3.1%
Nashville	3,147	3,202	-55	-1.7%
Nason	234	235	-1	-0.4%
Nauvoo	1,063	1,108	-45	-4.1%
Nebo	408	402	6	1.5%
Nelson	163	200	-37	-18.5%
Neoga	1,854	1,678	176	10.5%
Neponset	519	529	-10	-1.9%
Newark	887	840	47	5.6%
New Athens	1,981	2,010	-29	-1.4%
New Baden	3,001	2,602	399	15.3%
New Bedford	95	65	30	46.2%
New Berlin	1,030	797	233	29.2%
New Boston	632	620	12	1.9%
New Burnside	242	259	-17	-6.6%
New Canton	417	405	12	3.0%
New Douglas	369	387	-18	-4.7%
New Grand Chain	233	273	-40	-14.7%
New Haven	477	459	18	3.9%
New Holland	318	330	-12	-3.6%
New Lenox	17,771	9,627	8,144	84.6%
Newman	956	960	-4	-0.4%
New Millford	541	463	78	16.8%
New Minden	204	219	-15	-6.8%
New Salem	136	147	-11	-7.5%
Newton	3,069	3,154	-85	-2.7%
Niantic	738	647	91	14.1%
Niles	30,068	28,284	1,784	6.3%
Nilwood	284	238	46	19.3%
Noble	746	756	-10	-1.3%
Nokomis	2,389	2,534	-145	-5.7%
Nora	118	162	-44	-27.2%
Normal	45,386	40,023	5,363	13.4%
Norridge	14,582	14,459	123	0.9%
Norris	194	212	-18	-8.5%
Norris	1,057	1,341	-284	-21.2%
North Aurora	10,585	5,940	4,645	78.2%

North Barrington	2,918	1,787	1,131	63.3%
Northbrook	33,435	32,308	1,127	3.5%
North Chicago	35,918	34,978	940	2.7%
North	630	538	92	17.1%
Northfield	5,389	4,635	754	16.3%
North Henderson	187	184	3	1.6%
Northlake	11,878	12,505	-627	-5.0%
North Pekin	1,574	1,556	18	1.2%
North Riverside	6,688	6,005	683	11.4%
North Utica	977	848	129	15.2%
Norwood	473	495	-22	-4.4%
Oak Brook	8,702	9,178	-476	-5.2%
Oakbrook Terrace	2,300	1,907	393	20.6%
Oakdale	213	179	34	19.0%
Oakford	309	246	63	25.6%
Oak Forest	28,051	26,203	1,848	7.1%
Oak Grove	1,318	626	692	110.5%
Oakland	996	996	0	0.0%
Oak Lawn	55,245	56,182	-937	-1.7%
Oak Park	52,524	53,648	-1,124	-2.1%
Oakwood	1,502	1,533	-31	-2.0%
Oakwood Hills	2,194	1,498	696	46.5%
Oblong	1,580	1,616	-36	-2.2%
Oconee	202	201	1	0.5%
Odell	1,014	1,030	-16	-1.6%
Odin	1,122	1,150	-28	-2.4%
O'Fallon	21,910	16,073	5,837	36.3%
Ogden	743	671	72	10.7%
Oglesby	3,647	3,619	28	0.8%
Ohio	540	426	114	26.8%
Ohlman	0	82	-82	-100.0%
Okawville	1,355	1,274	81	6.4%
Old Mill Creek	251	73	178	243.8%
Old Ripley	127	95	32	33.7%
Old Shawneetown	278	356	-78	-21.9%
Olmsted	299	358	-59	-16.5%
Olney	8,631	8,664	-33	-0.4%
Olympia Fields	4,732	4,248	484	11.4%
Omaha	263	273	-10	-3.7%
Onarga	1,438	1,281	157	12.3%
Oneida	752	723	29	4.0%
Oquawka	1,539	1,442	97	6.7%
Orangeville	751	451	300	66.5%
Oreana	892	847	45	5.3%



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District Map

About Senator Luechtefeld

Dave Luechtefeld has represented the 58th District in the Illinois Senate since 1995.

Senator Luechtefeld is a retired social studies teacher, athletic director, baseball coach and basketball coach from Okawville High School. He is a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, the Illinois Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, the Illinois Basketball Players Hall of Fame and recipient of the Louis University Hall of Fame Distinguished Alumnae Award.

Senator Luechtefeld serves as vice chairman of the Senate State Government Operations Committee. He is a member of the Agriculture & Conservation and Licensed Activities committees.

Throughout his tenure in the State Senate, Senator Luechtefeld has fought to bring jobs to southern Illinois and to keep neighborhoods safe by getting tough on crime.

Senator Luechtefeld has worked to ensure that Illinois' children receive a quality education and that Illinois schools are adequately funded. He also sponsored a historic education funding reform law.

Senator Luechtefeld is originally from Lincoln Grove. He and his wife, Flo, live in Okawville. They have three sons and one daughter.

Village Information and Services



The Village of Okawville is governed by an elected mayor and six board members. The Village officials positions on a part-time basis while generally holding down full-time jobs. The Village Hall, located in town on State route 177 at 304 S. Front Street, houses the police department, volunteer fire department, and water departments. The Village Hall Office is staffed by the Village Secretary and open for business 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. The Village Hall phone number is 618-243-5972.

The Village of Okawville operates their own water distribution and collection system. Water originates from the New Athens Water District in New Athens, IL. General refuse service is offered through the Village, which contracts with a local company for weekly pick-up. Water, sewer, and trash pick-up fees are collected by the Village through a monthly billing system.

Police and Fire

Okawville enjoys an extremely low crime rate. Police protection is provided by three full-time police officers and additional part-time officers. Fire protection is provided by a 25 person volunteer force with its own first aid program.

Utilities

Illinois Power Company provides electric and natural gas service to the Okawville area. Tri-County Electric Cooperative serving the rural areas located outside the Village. GTE provides phone service throughout the Okawville area. Long distance service is based on individual preference. Cable television service can be obtained through Charter Communications at 1-800-642-2257.

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Winners of the 1999 SIEA Better Newspaper Contest

April 30, 1999

SIEA honors newspapers for excellence

By Paula M. Davenport, SIUC Public Affairs

CARBONDALE, Ill. -- Four newspapers won esteemed General Excellence awards in the Southern Illinois Editorial Association's (SIEA) 1999 Better Newspaper Contest Friday, April 30. About 100 member newspapers belong to the more than 100-year-old SIEA.

The Decatur Herald & Review and Mattoon Journal Gazette took top honors in best large and small daily divisions, respectively. The Navigator of Grayville won best large weekly. The Gillespie Area News took best small weekly.

General Excellence prizes recognize newspapers in four circulation divisions for work published on two randomly selected dates. All but large dailies compete for awards in six additional categories -- from best local news to advertising. Large dailies vie only for General Excellence citations.

Honors came at the SIEA's spring meeting at Giant City State Park Lodge near Makanda.

Mattoon's Journal Gazette grabbed four blue ribbons -- more than any other publication. It took firsts in local news, makeup and graphics, editorial page and sports.

Newspapers also compete in five open categories.

First-place finishers:

1. Community Service
2. Best Photograph
3. Best Feature Story
4. Best Editorial
5. Charlie Feirich Original Column Competition

Judges selected each year by the SIEA executive secretary may give first, second and third place awards and up to four honorable mention awards.

A complete list of winners follows:

Small weeklies (2,700 circulation and under)

• **Best Local News Coverage**

1. Okawville Times
2. Christopher Progress
3. Edwards County Times Advocate

Honorable mention

1. Bridgeport Leader
2. Auburn Citizen
3. (tie) Villa Grove News
Greene Prairie Press

• **Best Overall Makeup and Graphics Presentation**

1. Edwards County Times Advocate
2. Christopher Progress
3. Trenton Sun

Honorable mention

1. Villa Grove News
2. This Week in Marissa
3. Auburn Citizen
4. Gillespie Area News

• **Best Use of Photography**

1. Gillespie Area News
2. Freeburg Tribune
3. Christopher Progress

Honorable mention

1. Okawville Times
2. Villa Grove News
3. Edwards County Times Advocate

• **Best Editorial Page**

1. Gillespie Area News
2. Auburn Citizen
3. Jersey County Star

Honorable mention

1. Trenton Sun
2. Christopher Progress
3. Virden Recorder

• **Advertising Excellence**

1. Virden Recorder

2. Gillespie Area News

3. Bridgeport Leader

Honorable mention

1. Christopher Progress

2. Mascoutah Herald
Jersey County Star

3. Auburn Citizen

- **Best Sports Coverage**

1. Okawville Times

2. Herrin Spokesman

3. Christopher Progress

Honorable mention

1. Edwards County Times Advocate

2. Auburn Citizen

3. Bridgeport Leader

- **General Excellence**

(Maximum points: 600. Results within 1 point are considered ties)

1. Gillespie Area News (492)

2. Christopher Progress (483)

3. (tie) Edwards County Times Advocate (456)
Auburn Citizen (455)

Honorable mention

1. Okawville Times (424)

2. Trenton Sun (420)

3. Bridgeport Leader (415)

4. Herrin Spokesman (384)

Large weeklies (Over 2,700)

- **Best Local News Coverage**

1. The Navigator

2. (tie) Cahokia Herald
Wayne County Press

3. Sullivan News-Progress

Honorable mention

1. Vandalia Leader-Union

2. Carlyle Union Banner

3. Cass County Star-Gazette

4. Metropolis Planet

- **Best Overall Makeup and Graphics Presentation**

1. Cahokia Herald

2. The Navigator

3. Pike Press

Honorable mention

1. Salem Times-Commoner

2. The County Journal

3. (tie) Vandalia Leader Union
Randolph County Herald-Tribune

4. Breese Journal

- **Best Use of Photography**

MIDWEST TRAVEL

Taking the water in Okawville, the Little Hot Springs of Illinois

It certainly is no Baden-Baden, Germany's fashionable spa town noted for its mineral baths, but the tiny community of Okawville, Ill., population 1,300 and located 41 miles east of St. Louis, boasts a strong German heritage and enjoys a reputation for its waters.

Since 1868, a soak in a mineral-water bath and a tough Swedish massage have been specialties of the Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House in Okawville, known as the Little Hot Springs of Illinois. In the 1930s the hotel operated a bus to St. Louis, making the round trip twice daily for the folks who came seeking relief from arthritis and rheumatism.

Folks still visit the hotel to take the waters and get a massage (mineral baths and massages are each \$15). The 50-room property, designated a National Historic Landmark, has undergone some recent renovations, including enclosing the heated pool for year-round use - a roof is rolled back during warm weather. The hotel offers home cooking in its dining room and weekend entertainment by a pianist/organist.

Don't look for night life in Okawville. For gourmet dining and gaming, bright lights and big times, drive to St. Louis. Okawville is so quiet and small-town that one visitor said it seemed like going back to the 1930s. "We like to say that Okawville is a place where you don't have to do anything," says resident Diane Weber, who moved to Okawville from St. Louis about five years ago.

After taking the waters at the Original, browse Okawville's handful of shops and take a look at its other historic buildings. You'll find the former home of Dr. Robert C. Poos, the village physician and druggist from 1885 to 1928. The home displays many of Dr. Poos' instruments and other medical equipment, as well as artifacts and memorabilia relating to the community.

Okawville is proud of its strong German heritage. In fact, many of its older residents still speak various dialects of German.

Visit the Heritage House Museum, which includes the dwelling, harness shop and laundry of the Frank Schlosser family. The men of the family ran the harness shop; the women operated a laundry service. Mementos and bits of Americana pack the house from parlor to cellar. Family photos in huge oval frames decorate the home and tapestries carry the wording of blessings in German. You'll find a hand-cranked Victrola in the parlor and an old-fashioned, blue-enamel range in the kitchen. The Victorian

furniture, dishes and many collectibles suggest the German family would have been considered well-to-do at the time.

The harness-making shop remains as it was on the day Frank Schlosser died in 1941 - as if someone is expected to show up to take tools in hand and begin working. Horse collars and bridles hang from the ceiling. The shop also contains a large vat for dipping the leather in oil to keep it pliable, and a machine for sewing leather harnesses. A fringed surrey dating to the late 19th century found on the property was restored by craftsmen at an Amish community in Central Illinois. During special events at the museum the surrey transports riders and locals often rent it for weddings.

At the beginning of the century, the Schlosser women operated their laundry service for residents and for patrons of the community's flourishing hotels and boarding houses. The building houses old-fashioned laundry barrels for washing that are wooden kegs turned sideways and fitted with hand cranks. Neighborhood boys were paid 10 cents a day to turn the cranks. The building also contains small, heavy irons and a number of copper boilers used to heat water.

Locals buy their quilting supplies at Blanch's Variety Store, a tiny shop built around the turn of the century by a German jeweler. They head for Wink's Bar and Restaurant for cold beer, daily blue-plate specials such as meatloaf and mashed potatoes, and homemade pies.

Less than an hour's drive northwest of Okawville visitors take in the Cahokia Mounds, the central section of the largest prehistoric city north of Mexico. This prehistoric site, which dates back to A.D. 1100, ranks with the Great Pyramids and the Taj Mahal as United Nations World Heritage Sites.

During its peak, the city spread across six square miles and had 20,000 residents. Take note of a series of wooden sun calendars, dubbed Woodhenge because of their functional similarity to Stonehenge built by the Druids in ancient England. More than 100 man-made earthen mounds have been discovered at the site, including Monks Mound, an earthen pyramid standing 100 feet tall and covering 14 acres. An interpretive center offers an audio-visual history of life in the ancient city, named for a subtribe of the Illini - the Cahokia - who occupied the area when the French arrived.

In the center of Washington County you'll come across Nashville, the county seat with its old square dominated by a red-brick courthouse. The town contains many stately homes built in the 19th century and featuring distinctive European architecture. Nashville pays tribute to its rich German heritage with Maifest, held every Memorial Day weekend.

Stop by the charming town of Lebanon, about 20 miles east of St. Louis. One of its claims to fame, the Mermaid House, was built as a hotel in 1820

and opens for tours. Charles Dickens visited here in 1842. Antique and specialty shops line the brick-paved downtown area.

The 26,000-acre Carlyle Lake lies an hour's drive east of St. Louis. One of the area's major outdoor playgrounds, it provides docking for more than 1,000 boats and more than 1,000 camping sites. You'll find four swimming beaches, miles of nature trails, nature interpretive programs and top fishing for walleye, largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and white bass.

Around the Midwest appears Sundays in Going Places. Mike Michaelson is a travel writer based in Chicago and the author of the guidebook, "Chicago's Best-Kept Secrets."

If you go

Information: Okawville Tourism Coordinator, (618) 243-5694; Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House, (618) 243-5458; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, (618) 346-5160; Southwestern Illinois Tourism and Convention Bureau, (618) 397-1488 or (800) 442-1488; Illinois Bureau of Tourism, (800) 2CONNECT.

Upcoming events: Kahok Dancers at Cahokia Mounds, a non-native group, presents free performances of Indian-style dance, Jan. 24, Feb. 21 and March 21; storytelling at Cahokia Mounds, Native American culture is interpreted through storytelling and music, May 1; Kids' Day at Cahokia Mounds, dancing, crafts, games and hands-on activities such as pottery making and spear throwing, May 16; Maifest, Nashville, May 29-31; Okawville Heritage Days, an old-time picnic with bratwurst and homemade ice cream, demonstrations of weaving, candle-dipping, making sauerkraut and other skills, on the grounds of Heritage House Museum, June 12 and 13; Okawville Annual Fair and Wheat Festival, parade, tractor pull and other agricultural contests, dance, food booths, Sept. 17-19.

- Mike Michaelson



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"Little Hot Springs of Illinois"

Known in the early 1900s for its mineral springs

Agricultural products in this county include dairy cattle, corn, soybeans, wheat

Celebrates annual Wheat Festival in September

Historic sites and museums: Heritage House Museum**Ave. January temp:** 29**Ave. July temp:** 78

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The Original Springs Hotel and Bath House

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Okawville, IL 62271

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The Original Springs Hotel and Bath House has been famed for its mineral water since 1868. It is the old continuous business in Okawville and the last remaining mineral springs hotel in the state of Illinois.

In 1868, Rudolph Plegge, who lived and conducted a saddlery and harness shop on the ground now occupy hotel, noticed that the water from his well differed from most water. He brought the matter to the attention of August Schulze and Dr. James McIlwain who decided to have the water analyzed. Dr. McIlwain made several tests such as his equipment would permit and discovered magnesia in the water. He knew that there must be sulfuric acid, for this is the only chemical that will hold magnesia in solution. Samples of the water were sent to Professor Eno Sanders in

St. Louis and his analysis showed very strong medicinal qualities. The spring owner, Mr. Plegge, then contacted C.H. Kelle, who lived on a farm near town. He knew that Mr. Kelle had served in the famous baths at Badenweiler, Germany before coming to this country. Together they decided to build a small bathhouse and treat rheumatism and other diseases the way they were treated at the famous waters in Europe. Dr. McIlwain was given charge of the medical end of the institution. The business thrived in a small way. Later it was sold to a group of Evangelical ministers from Edwardsville, Illinois at the urging of Mrs. J.F. Schierbaum, a wife of one of the ministers. Mrs. Schierbaum, as the story goes, was a hopeless invalid. She had been to all the best doctors in St. Louis but they could offer her any hope. After a course of therapy at the Okawville Mineral Wells, as it was known at the time, she was miraculously cured. In 1885, Rev. Schierbaum and his fellow investors built a more "modern" institution. It was later sold out to the Schreiner Brothers under whose ownership, the building burned. The fire occurred late in 1891 but by July of 1892 the hotel celebrated a grand re-opening with a brand new facility. Several additions have been made over the years, which constitute the present Original Springs Hotel.

Okawville became famous for its healing waters. One popular slogan of the day was "Okawville - Where Rheumatism Meets Its Waterloo." Besides the Original Hotel another large hotel, the Washington Springs opened in 1895. It was probably the most luxurious hotel, offering overnight accommodations, dining, entertainment and of course mineral baths. Eventually the Washington Springs was converted into a nursing home and unfortunately was later torn down. Several smaller hotels and boarding houses (not offering baths) opened up to handle the overflow of the larger hotels. Many Okawville residents even housed boarders in their homes, to meet the demand created by the popularity of the waters.



The hotels had a large patronage of out of town guests even before the days of the automobile. Many traveled by train from St. Louis and even more distant areas, staying several days or several weeks to enjoy the healing waters. A special excursion train traveled from St. Louis to Okawville for one-day trips. In the 1930's the Original Okawville had a bus to St. Louis, making the round trip twice each day. Literally countless numbers of people have come to the original Bath House in its 125 plus year history, seeking relief from arthritis and rheumatism through the water and massages.

The Heritage House Museum is a non-for-profit organization, which maintains three unique historical properties, The Frank Schlosser Home, the Joseph Schlosser Home and the Dr. Poos Home. MUSEUM INFORMATION



The Frank Schlosser Home
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An unrestored turn-of-the-century harness shop, commercial laundry, home and more offer a glimpse into a middle class, American family in the early days of this century. Neither a mansion nor the home of a great historical figure and not a collection of artifacts brought together from many sources, this home and small complex offer a picture of the way past generations lived.

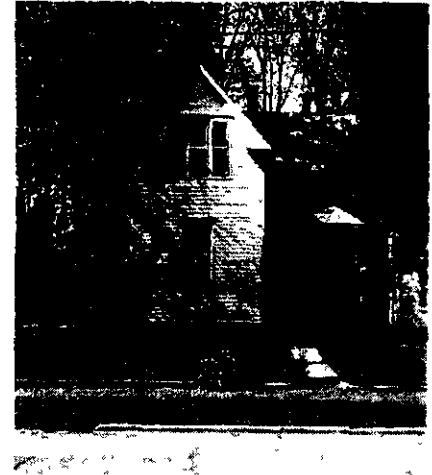
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The Schlosser women, Sophie, the mother and the daughters, Elsie and Estella, operated a laundry service for residents and patrons of the flourishing hotels at the beginning of the century. The old-fashioned, wooden laundry barrels grace the building's back porch. The story goes that the neighborhood boys were paid 10 cents a day to turn the crank on the washers. Lines where the clothes were hung to dry are still strung in the upstairs part of the building. Copper boilers, old irons, and washboards are all still in their place.

In the Schlosser garage can be found the family's fringed surrey dating back to the 1800s and the 1930 Buick, both of which have been restored.



Stepping into the home of the late Schlosser family is like stepping into another era. The antique Victoria dishes and collectibles indicate that this hard-working, German family was very prosperous. The formal living room is lined with family photos hung in huge oval frames. There was a musical side to the Schlosser family as evidenced by the family's piano, violin, well-stocked sheet music cabinet, and hand crank Victrola. The focal point of the kitchen is the blue enamel Quick Meal stove, which was used for cooking and heating until the sisters died. The well-stocked kitchen is full of old cooking and baking utensils, coffee grinders, dishes, etc.

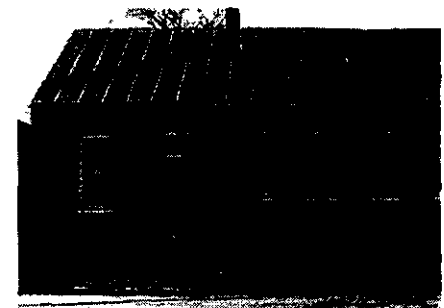
Further exploration of the house indicates that when the maiden sisters, Elsie and Estella, were not working laundry they enjoyed a somewhat genteel lifestyle. They taught piano and Sunday School. Their needlepoint quilting fills many drawers and wardrobes in the upstairs part of the house. It appears that nothing that came out of the house was discarded, and all was well preserved. The antique wicker baby buggy and dolls of the sisters are still in the home. Stored in the attic are years of issues of magazines including Women's Home Companion and Betty and Gardens and boxes of receipts of things purchased and services rendered.

The Frank Schlosser Home is quite possibly the most complete museum of its kind. The home is packed with mementos and bits of Americana from parlor to cellar. It tells an interesting story of a family, their German heritage, a community's history and of a way of life that has long since passed us by.

The Joseph Schlosser Home

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This historic home is another property owned and maintained by the Heritage House Museum. This circa 1869 brick home sits across the street from the Frank Schlosser property. It is the last surviving Old World style street house in Okawville. It was the humble home of Joseph Schlosser, his wife Louise, and sons Henry and Frank Schlosser. Joseph operated a cobbler's shop in one room of the home. Furnished with primitives and antiques largely from the post-Civil War era, the house captures the aura of its time. The offices for the Heritage House Museum and Okawville Chamber of Commerce are also housed at the home.



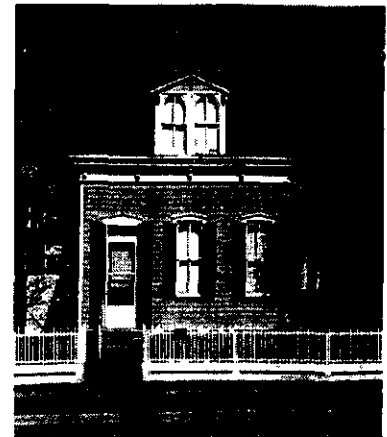
Dr. Poos Home and Medical Museum

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The Dr. Robert C. Poos family was a very important part of Okawville's history. The doctor's career as a physician, druggist and staff physician at the now gone Washington Springs Hotel, spanned many years from 1884 to 1928. It is this time period that the Heritage House Museum has tried to simulate in the home.

Dr. Poos and his wife Mary Elizabeth settled in Okawville after graduating from medical school in 1884, purchased a house and rented office space. Not until 1890 did Dr. and Mrs. Poos and their family (eventually numbering five children) purchase the lovely, 1888 French Second Empire design home. It was a charming home which provided the proper setting for entertaining according to his position in the community. It contains an open stairway, wide entrance hall, cozy parlor, large dining room, shaded porch, kitchen on the first floor and bedroom space on the second floor. The house was a hub of activity as the Poos family grew and the doctor's practice prospered. Of the two sons and three daughters, one daughter, Pearl died as a young girl. The two sons attended medical school and distinguished themselves in their own medical field. One daughter, Beulah, was a talented artist. Her watercolors can be seen on several walls of the home. The other daughter Roberta, became a teacher, teaching at both the high school level and at Eastern Illinois University, retiring as Assistant Professor Emeritus of Speech.

At one time, Dr. Poos intended to establish his own bath house at the rear of his homestead. He constructed an ornate two-story building, ordered large sized tubs and set up a windmill to provide the water. Unfortunately all that was done before determining that the water on his property did not have the mineral content found in other places in town. His bath house idea never materialized. Today this building houses a display of the doctor's old time medical equipment and other donated items connected with the history of the community.



Dr. Poos is remembered as a civic minded man and a highly revered member of the medical profession, loved by both the young and old of the community. His close friends fondly remember him for his wonderful sense of humor. In the summer of 1988, exactly 100 years after the house was built, the Poos real estate became available. A group of interested citizens purchased the property and agreed that within ten years the Heritage House Museum may exercise an option to purchase it for amount invested, which they did. At an auction held at the property the same year, several museum-minded people purchased many of the household belongings, Poos family papers and much of Dr. Poos' medical equipment. They have in turn loaned the items back to the museum, many of which have become permanent display pieces.

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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES \$2.4 MILLION IN TOURISM GRANTS

SPRINGFIELD -- Governor George H. Ryan today announced more than \$2.4 million in grants, through two state tourism programs, to support twenty-two organizations with the development, implementation and improvement of tourist attractions and events. The funds are assisting groups from Lake County to Pope County with such projects as theater and museum renovations, interpretive centers, large sports complexes and the City of Chicago's latest public art event.

"Illinois continues to reap the benefits of a strong tourism industry with an economic impact of over \$23 billion last year," Ryan said. "Funding these initiatives will bring even more visitors to Illinois and further increase the return on our investment in statewide tourism attractions."

The grants were funded through the Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program (TAP), which allows municipalities, counties and local groups to develop and improve tourist attractions, and the Tourism Private Sector Grant Program (TPS) which provides grants to match funds from the private sector for the purpose of attracting and hosting major tourism events such as conventions, trade shows, sporting activities and cultural events. The Department of

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Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) administers grants to both programs.

“The projects being funded through these programs reflect the wide variety of tourism alternatives in Illinois,” said DCCA Director Pam McDonough, “from parachuting over Southern Illinois to taking a ‘suite’ seat on a Chicago sidewalk. By meeting the needs of historical, cultural, leisure and sports related travelers, we can broaden the economic impact that tourism has on all of our communities.”

Since its inception in 1994, the Tourism Private Sector Grant Program program has funded such major events as World Cup Soccer, the International Pow Wow '98, the 2000 National High School Rodeo Finals, and 2001: A Soccer Odyssey.

Tourism Attraction Development grants can be used to improve an existing tourist attraction or develop a new attraction that has the potential to draw visitors to generate overnight stays. Grants also may be used for feasibility studies, to plan for new attractions and to fund interpretive programs within cultural and historic sites. A list of the grant recipients is attached.

Tourism Attraction Development Grant Program

Cameo Vineyards, Inc., Greenup, Cumberland County will receive \$33,175 to construct a winery overlooking the Cumberland County Covered Bridge and the National Road Scenic Byway. This grant will enhance the visitors experience along the National Road.

Noble Fool's Theater Company, Chicago, Cook County will receive \$125,000 for the equipment costs relating to the mechanical systems for the facility. The improvement of this attraction will greatly enhance Chicago's Theater District.

Morris & Company Entertainment, Moline, Rock Island County will receive \$100,000 for the construction of an Adventure Village building. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical services will be completed with these funds along the Mississippi river. The addition of this attraction will enhance the visitors experience along the Great River Road National Scenic Byway.

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Lynfred Winery, Roselle, DuPage County will receive \$79,215 for the purchase of cultural furnishings and appliances related to the construction of a Bed and Breakfast to compliment the Winery. Each suite has a motif from various countries: France, Germany, America, and Italy.

City of Charleston, Coles County will receive \$40,000 to create an exterior bronze, life size sculpture to serve as the outdoor interpretation for the Charleston Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum. The artist fees and casting fees will be funded with approval of this project.

Rockford Park District, Winnebago County will receive \$250,000 for the addition of a Sportscore II Development project. The construction of soccer goals, basketball courts, and concession facilities will provide the needed expansion to Rockford's existing Sportscore facility. This grant will significantly increase the communities ability to bid on large sporting events therefore, generating overnight stays.

The City of Joliet, Will County will receive \$250,000 for an HVAC system to be installed in the renovated building which will house the Joliet Historical Museum. The museum will feature stories of the Joliet area and serve as a transportation hub for Route 66, Lincoln Highway and the Historic Illinois and Michigan Canal.

The Heritage House and Museum of Okawville, Washington County will receive \$39,139 for the renovations to a museum complex in Okawville Illinois. The attractions are in need of roofing and porch repairs, a rebuilt furnace, new windows, sidewalk improvements, a museum auto display and restoration of a horse drawn hearse. Completion of this project will compliment the original Springs Hotel and Bathhouse, a National Register property and the last operating bathhouse in the state.

The DuQuoin Tourism Commission, Perry County will receive \$25,000 to implement Phase II of the year 2000 "Holiday Lights Fair". This project will provide the visitors a multi-night indoor and outdoor entertainment opportunity throughout the winter season by offering the area an improved addition.

The Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation, Lerna, Coles County will receive \$53,196 to expand and enhance the interpretation at the Lincoln Log Cabin. the Sargent and Moore Homes. The expansion of hours and interpretation for the two additional sites will provide an extended Living History experience. A full scale Conestoga Wagon (used to transport settlers) will provide the basis for the interpretation of transportation during the 1840's and on allocated days during the season will provide the horse drawn rides for site visitors. The Wagon will also serve to commemorate the National Road which represents the first transcontinental road from Maryland of which the settlers inhabited the western section of this nation.

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Overnight Accommodations

Original Springs Hotel

Super 8 Motel

McIlwain

Mansion

Original Springs Hotel and Bath House

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Okawville, Illinois 62271
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The Original Springs Hotel has been famed for its mineral water baths for 125 years and shares a rich heritage with the Village of Okawville. The Original Springs consists of a century old hotel, restaurant and spa. The present building was opened May 1, 1893 after a fire completely destroyed the previous structure in 1892. Additional rooms and a heated indoor pool make up the present facility.

The 34 guestrooms are currently being restored and renovated. The oldest part of the hotel offers guests rooms with a bed and breakfast atmosphere. More modern rooms are also available. You can request rooms with or without phones. The Original's restaurant is a white table linen facility offering casual yet fine dining. It has dining, meeting and banquet capabilities of up to 125 persons. It is an ideal place for meetings, conferences, parties, weddings, anniversaries, etc. The restaurant is famed for its home cooking especially its fried chicken dinners and pies. On Friday and Saturday evenings, a pianist/organist plays for dining room entertainment. The restaurant is open daily for dinner and all day on the weekends. Groups can arrange for special lunches. The Original's spa facility offers its famed mineral baths, rich in minerals, still drawn from the same springs as its discovery. A steamroom and relaxation cots are available as well as a heated indoor pool. Swedish Massages are also available. Massages are given by independent certified massage therapists. Reservations are required for the spa amenities. You do not have to be an overnight guest to enjoy the spa.

The Super 8 Motel

Interstate 64 and Illinois Route 177

Exit 41
Okawville, IL 62271
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1-800-800-8000

A part of the national chain that provides modern, clean rooms at economical prices. The Okawville Super 8 is a 39-room facility offering rooms with king and queen size beds, whirlpool tub suites and a room designed for guests with disabilities. Large groups are welcome with group rates available.

McIlwain Mansion Bed and Breakfast

305 N. Hanover
Okawville, IL 62271
618-243-5682

A beautifully preserved French Second Empire (Mansardic) style-home built in 1883. The downstairs suite includes a bed and bath area as well as a lounge area with a bar and big screen television. It is available for 1 or 2 guests. The upstairs offers up to three bedrooms with a shared bath. It is available for up to three couples. Reservations are by appointment only.

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